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**PENCE LAUDS CLINTON COMMENTS ON IRAQ**

**Washington, Jul 23, 2003** - WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Congressman Mike Pence took to the House floor today to address current events in Iraq:

“Mr. Speaker, the Bible asks the question, ‘From where does my help come from?’

“Sometimes help comes from unexpected places, like an anonymous civilian in Mosul who brought the sadistic sons of a dictator to justice yesterday.

“And like the words of a former president, supporting the Bush Administration’s assertion that Saddam Hussein likely had weapons of mass destruction.

“It was last night, on CNN, former President Bill Clinton said, ‘When I left office, there was a substantial amount of biological and chemical material unaccounted for. That is, at the end of the first Gulf War, we knew what they had; we knew what was destroyed in the inspection process. We bombed for four days in 1998. We may have gotten it all, we may have gotten half of it, we may have gotten none of it—but we didn’t know.’

“So President Clinton said, ‘I thought it was prudent for the President to go to the U. N.’ And he went on to say, ‘And this time, if you don’t cooperate, the penalty could be regime change, not just continued sanctions.’ So said former President Bill Clinton.

“Thank you, President Clinton, for confirming what President Bush told America: Saddam Hussein had biological and chemical weapons and confronting him was prudent.”

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